

STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Agenda Consideration

TOPIC: Non-Transportation Zones: Review/Additions

ITEM NO: 10B

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Pupil Transportation

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MEETING: April 12, 2006

ACTION DATE: June 20, 2006

INFORMATION ONLY:

ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT: That the School Board approve recommendations of the Non-Transportation Safety Team resulting from the review of existing non-transportation zones at GMS, KWBES, RTMS and PRES.

KEY POINTS:

- ◆ Stafford County School Board Regulation 4-64 makes provision for the review of potentially new and existing non-transportation zones by a Non-Transportation Safety Team comprised of one member from:
 1. The Department of Pupil Transportation
 2. The Office of Safety and Security
 3. The Sheriff's Department
 4. The Virginia Department of Transportation
- ◆ The composition of the Non-Transportation Safety Team was expanded to include the school principal and a parent resident from each affected school community.
- ◆ A specifically designed rubric was developed to be utilized by the Non-Transportation Safety Team for assessment of each non-transportation zone (Attachment #1.)
- ◆ The Non-Transportation Safety Team has compiled a summary of assessment data and recommendations for each non-transportation zone studied (Attachment #2).
- ◆ The Non-Transportation Safety Team recommends a public hearing be held at schools where changes to the school non-transportation zone are recommended. School non-transportation zones with recommended changes include: PRES, RTMS and GMS (Attachment #3).
- ◆ The Non-Transportation Safety Team continues to review a potential non-transportation zone for CES. Additional recommendations will be presented to the School Board prior to the proposed action date. Should a non-transportation zone be recommended for fall 2006, a public hearing is advised.
- ◆ Due to on-going home construction within the Austin Ridge community near the school and the uncertainty of completion dates, the Non-Transportation Safety Team recommends that approval of a non-transportation zone for ES2006 be postponed until spring of 2007.

- ◆ A non-transportation zone for select students attending HHPMS has not been established to date. The Sidewalk Construction Project does include improvements impacting HHPMS. Upon completion of new sidewalks, a study of a potential non-transportation zone will be initiated in spring of 2007.

SCHOOL BOARD GOAL: Goal #5 – Provide facilities that promote student learning and community support.

FUNDING SOURCE: County Transportation Fund (Sidewalk Construction Project)
FY07 School Operating Fund (Crossing Guards)

AUTHORIZATION REFERENCE: School Board Policy 4-64
February 2006 School Board Regulation 4-64

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INTRODUCTION

In 2003 non-transportation zones were established for Kate Waller Barrett Elementary, Parkridge Elementary, Gayle Middle School and Rodney Thompson Middle School.

Pursuant to Stafford County School Board Regulation R4-64 the Director of Transportation has assembled a Non-Transportation Safety Team to review existing non-transportation zones. The Non-Transportation Safety Team will also provide recommendations for future new school non-transportation zones.

Included are the assessment team recommendations for each of the established non-transportation zones.

GAYLE MIDDLE SCHOOL NON-TRANSPORTATION ASSESSMENT TEAM

Kenneth Beason – Virginia Department of Transportation

Patricia Gomez – Gayle Middle School Parent

Larry Himes - Stafford County Public Schools Transportation

Sgt. Brian Jacobs – Stafford County Sheriffs Department

Greg Martin - Stafford County Public Schools Security, Safety and Risk Management

Michael Wondree – Principal, Gayle Middle School

GAYLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

The established non-transportation zone for Gayle Middle School includes the gated townhouse community in North England Run Subdivision located north of the school on the west side of Plantation Drive and students residing on the north side of Lyons Boulevard between Plantation Drive and Panther Lane.

GAYLE MIDDLE ASSESSMENT TEAM RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) Continue established non-transportation zone.**
- 2) Establish additional segments to the non-transportation zone to include all remaining sections of the North England Run single family homes. The zone would extend from Plantation Drive to Berea Church Road and Truslow Road. Also included is the recommendation to extend the non-transportation zone for students residing in the North England Run apartment complex.**
- 3) Contact VDOT to identify crosswalk markings at all intersections and streets as they are accepted into the state maintenance system.**
- 4) Establish a crossing guard position on Lyons Boulevard to control traffic and assist students as they cross the intersection at Lyons Boulevard and Panther Drive.**
- 5) Construct a sidewalk or walking path along the south side of Lyons Boulevard from Cynthia's Place to Panther Drive.**

**NUMBER OF STUDENTS RESIDING IN THE INCREASED NON-TRANSPORTATION
ZONE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ASSESSMENT TEAM.**

<u>STREETS</u>	<u>STUDENT COUNT</u>
Coral Court	4
Halite Court	2
Granite Court	4
Shale Court	1
Slate Court	6
Cavern Court	3
Limestone Way	8
Marshall Court	1
Crimson Way	1
April Lane	2
Stanley Loop	3
Foggy Field	6
Alex Court	6
Fletcher Drive	7
Theodore Street	3
Cynthia's Place	17
Newcastle Place	1
Heron Drive	6
Elkton Place	5
Kendrick Court	2
Shasta Place	8
Manor Lane	1
Bushy Creek	4
Quantum Way	0
Miner Court (Under Construction)	
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Contingent upon approval of the Non-Transportation Safety Team recommendations Pupil

Transportation staff anticipates a reduction of two Gayle Middle School bus routes.

**KATE WALLER BARRETT ELEMENTARY NON
TRANSPORATION ZONE ASSESSMENT TEAM**

Kenneth Beason – Virginia Department of Transportation

Larry G. Himes - Stafford County Public Schools Transportation

Kim Austin – Principal, Kate Waller Barrett Elementary School

Sgt. Brian Jacobs - Stafford County Sheriffs Department

Jason Lamprecht – Parent and President of Devon Green Homeowners Association

Greg Martin - Stafford County Public Schools Security, Safety and Risk Management

KATE WALLER BARRETT ELEMENTARY

The established non-transportation zone for Kate Waller Barrett Elementary School includes Ridgewood Drive from Aquia Avenue to Barrett Heights Road and the Devon Green Subdivision.

At the present time, approximately (50) students utilize the non-transportation zone each day.

KATE WALLER BARRETT ASSESSMENT TEAM RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) Continue non-transportation zone as established.**
- 2) A vacant, dilapidated storage building on the north side of Fritters Lane is located immediately adjacent to where a sidewalk is recommended and to the designated student crosswalk. The building poses a safety hazard for students and is an attractive nuisance. For the continued safety of students utilizing the non-transportation zone, the assessment team strongly recommends the building be demolished or permanently contained within an eight (8) foot high fenced boundary.**
- 3) Due to faded or washed out paint, the crosswalk identifications in Devon Green Subdivision need to be restored.**
- 4) To decrease the walking distance for students walking from Riverton Drive and portions of Thornberry Lane, an additional sidewalk needs to be constructed. The sidewalk would be located on the south side of Fritters Lane from Riverton Drive to the crosswalk crossing Fritters Lane at Duffey Drive. Stafford County Public Schools, Planning and Construction Department is currently pursuing the sidewalk construction.**
- 5) Due to projected costs versus the number of students affected the Non-Transportation Safety Team does not recommend increasing the non-transportation zone to include Whitestone Subdivision at this time.**
- 6) A raised section of sidewalk in front of 36 Thornberry Lane needs to be replaced by the Devon Green Homeowners Association.**

**PARKRIDGE ELEMENTARY NON-TRANSPORTATION ZONE
ASSESSMENT TEAM**

Kenneth Beason – Virginia Department of Transportation

Sherry Hall – Assistant Principal, Parkridge Elementary School

Larry G. Himes – Stafford County Public Schools Transportation

Sgt. Brian Jacobs – Stafford County Sheriffs Department

Greg Martin – Stafford County Public Schools Security, Safety and Risk Management

Christine Primo – Principal, Parkridge Elementary School

Sarah Yaroslaski – Parkridge Elementary School Parent

PARKRIDGE ELEMENTARY

The approved non-transportation zone for Parkridge Elementary School includes two sections of Parkridge Subdivision.

Section I

The non-transportation zone encompasses the west side of Parkway Boulevard, the same side of the street as the school. Approximately 35 students utilize the non-transportation zone on a daily basis. There are continuous walking trails along the west side of Parkway Boulevard to the school site. Students residing south of the school proceed along the walking trail to the school site and proceed to the crosswalk located adjacent to the shipping/receiving area. Students residing north of the school site proceed on walking paths to the school site and follow the school sidewalk.

This non-transportation section does not require a crossing guard on Parkway Boulevard but does require supervision for students crossing over the bus driveway at the school.

Section II

The non-transportation zone encompasses the townhouses on the east side of Parkway Boulevard and north of Porter Library. Approximately 115 students utilize this non-transportation section on a daily basis. Students walk on the designated walking trail on Parkway Boulevard. Students are directed and assisted across Parkway Boulevard by crossing guards. Students then proceed along the walkways to the crosswalk located adjacent the shipping/receiving area.

PARKRIDGE ELEMENTARY ASSESSMENT TEAM RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) Continue current non-transportation zone as established.**
- 2) Establish an additional segment to the non-transportation zone that encompasses the southeast side of Parkway Boulevard from Hampton Park Road to Flatford Road. This segment impacts approximately 121 students who would be assigned to the non-transportation zone. Students would walk on designated sidewalks or trails along the east side of Parkway Boulevard to the intersection of Parkway Boulevard and Hampton Park Road. Students would be directed and assisted crossing Parkway Boulevard by a crossing guard. Once across the intersection, students would continue on the sidewalk to the crosswalk adjacent to the shipping/receiving area.**
- 3) Prior to implementation a sidewalk or walking trail needs to be constructed from Waters Landing to the pool and from Candleridge Court to Hampton Park Road. Construction of these two sidewalk portions would give continuous sidewalks on the east side of Parkway Boulevard. Stafford County Public Schools, Planning and Construction Department is currently pursuing sidewalk construction.**
- 4) An additional crossing guard position needs to be established on the south side of the intersection of Parkway Boulevard and Hampton Park Road. This guard would direct and assist the students when crossing the intersection.**
- 5) Request the Virginia Department of Transportation to identify crosswalk locations.**

**NUMBER OF STUDENTS RESIDING IN THE INCREASED NON-TRANSPORATION
ZONE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ASSESSMENT TEAM.**

<u>THE COURTS SECTION</u>	<u>STUDENT COUNT</u>
Ashley Court	4
Candleridge Court	$\frac{6}{10}$
<u>THE CRESENTS SECTION</u>	<u>STUDENT COUNT</u>
Carrisa Court	5
Doug Court	6
Ella Court	5
Kip Court	3
Lakeside Drive	5
Peachy Court	6
Tamis Court	$\frac{6}{36}$
<u>THE VISTAS SECTION</u>	<u>STUDENT COUNT</u>
Heatherbrook Court	10
Sarrington Court	17
Stoneridge Court	14
Sturbridge Court	16
Watermill Court	12
Westchester Court	$\frac{6}{75}$

**Contingent upon approval of the Non-Transportation Safety Team
recommendations Pupil Transportation staff anticipates a reduction of two
Park Ridge Elementary School bus routes.**

**RODNEY THOMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL NON-TRANSPORTATION
ASSESSMENT TEAM**

Kenneth Beason – Virginia Department of Transportation

Larry Himes - Stafford County Public Schools Transportation

Sgt. Brian Jacobs – Stafford County Sheriffs Department

Greg Martin - Stafford County Public Schools Security, Safety and Risk Management

Wendy Payne – Principal, Rodney Thompson Middle School

Barbara Platt – Rodney Thompson Middle School Parent

RODNEY THOMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

The approved non-transportation zone for Rodney Thompson Middle School includes all of the Greens of Amyclae Subdivision. The Greens of Amyclae is located on the west side of Walpole Street, the same as the school.

RODNEY THOMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSESSMENT TEAM RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) Maintain the non-transportation zone as established.**
- 2) Contact the Virginia Department of Transportation to provide crosswalk identification at intersections as roads within the Amyclae Subdivision are accepted into the state maintenance system.**
- 3) Identify and establish the process to connect the vacant portion of the pedestrian walkway between the school boundary north of the bus loop and the subdivision.**
- 4) Identify a crosswalk across Walpole Street and establish a crossing guard position at the intersection of Walpole Street and Bruce Street. Students residing in the Berkshire Estates will utilize the intersection to cross Walpole Street.**
- 5) Contact the Virginia Department of Transportation to provide crosswalk identification at intersections as roads within the Berkshire Estates are accepted into the state maintenance system.**

Contingent upon approval of the Non-Transportation Safety Team recommendations Pupil Transportation staff anticipates a reduction of one Rodney Thompson Middle School bus route (Dependent upon number of middle school student coming from Berkshire subdivision. May take more than one year to realize this reduction).